सरकारी व्यय में मितव्ययता

832. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या वित्त मंत्री 10 मई, 1988 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 225क के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या फिजूलखर्ची रोकने के उपाय सुझाने के लिये मंत्रिमंडलीय सचिव की अध्यक्षता में गठित सचिवों की उच्च स्तरीय समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में व्यय विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० के० गढवी) : (क) से (ग) इस समूह द्वारा किया गया विचार विमर्श सरकार की आन्तरिक निर्णय निर्धारण प्रक्रिया का एक हिस्सा है ?

National Housing Bank

833. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Housing Bank has since been established;

(b) if so, to what extent the Bank will extend financial support and assistance for the implementation of the Housing policy of Government;

(c) whether Government recognise 'Housing' as an industry; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that National Housing Bank (NHB) will extend refinance facilities and other financial support to housing finance institutions. It will also extend refinance facilities to scheduled banks in respect of their lending for housing.

(c) and (d) Having regard to the activities involved in 'Housing' Government do not consider it necessary to classify it as an 'Industry'.

Pollution in Delhi

834. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to environmentalists, the city of Delhi has become more polluted due to increase in number of automobiles, untreated sewages, smoke from power plants and industrial effluents;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent pollution by the different agencies in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. River Yamuna is polluted in some stretches due to discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage and industrial wastes. Air pollution is on the increase due to suspended particulate matter during summer and pollution from the increasing number of automobiles.

(c) Steps taken to prevent pollution by the different agencies in Delhi include the following:—

1. Delhi Administration has been requested to amend the Motor Vehicle Rules and prescribe standards of emissions from vehicles.

2. An intensive campaign for public awareness and control of pollution from vehicles has been launched by Delhi Administration and free checking facilities have been provided in a number of petrol pump stations for checking exhausted from vehicles.

3. Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as Air Pollution Control Area.

4. Effluent and emission standards for 24 polluting industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the industries have been directed to comply with the standards on a time-bound basis.

5. Regular air and water quality monitoring in different areas of Union Territory of Delhi is carried out.

6. Installation of Electrostatic Precipitators in the Indra Prastha Thermal Power Plant is completed. Installation of Electrostatic Precipitators in Badarpur is in progress.

7. Several schemes for augmentation of the existing sewage treatment plants and pumping stations and laying of branch sewers for diversion of waste-water away from river Yamuna have been taken up.

8. Out of the 17 major drains falling into the river Yamuna, 7 drains have been totally intercepted; sullage from 3 drains have been substanitally trapped at source and oxidation of the treatment has been provided for discharge from 3 drains.

9. Legal action is taken against the polluting industries.

10. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has been enacted and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has been amended to provide deterrent penalties including closure of polluting units.

Payment of D.A. to Central Government Employees

835. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that another instalment of Dearness Allowance has become due to Central Government employees with effect from 1st July, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when this D.A. instalment is likely to be released to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) As per the revised Dearness Allowance formula based on the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, Compensation for price rise has to be paid twice a year on the basis of percentage increase in whole numbers in the twelve monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960=100) for the periods ending June and December each year over the index average of 608 w.e.f. 1st July and 1st January respectively with the salary for September and March respectively. Employees drawing basic pay upto Rs. 3500 are to be allowed 100 per cent neutralisation and those drawing basic pay between Rs. 3501 and 6000, 75 per cent and those drawing basic pay above Rs. 6000, 65 per cent. The Dearness Allowance payable w.e.f. 1-7-88 can be considered only when the Consumer Price Index Numbers in respect of June, 1988 are available.